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The undersigned is also enclosing herewith a copy of a Search Report issued April 30, 2003 for the PCT counterpart of the present patent application (Application No. PCT/US02/40575), in which the presently disclosed references were cited. Since a translation of the Search Report is also enclosed, or the Search Report utilizes conventional codes to characterize each cited reference, it is believed that the applicants in the above-identified patent application have now met the "concise explanation" requirement of 37 C.F.R. 1.98.

This submission is filed before a first action on the merits has been mailed.

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Respectfully submitted,



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